

Cedar Point memorabilia sought

Persons who have any memorabilia from Cedar Point, the amusement and theme park in Sandusky, Ohio, are asked to contact David Francis.

Francis and his wife, Diane, are writing a book about the history of Cedar Point. They are interested in photographs, letters, post cards, or talking to relatives of former concessionaires of the park. They are especially interested in information pertaining to the 1900-50 period. The book is an independent project, but has the support of Cedar Point.

"There hasn't been a book about Cedar Point published," Francis said. "I want to tell the whole story, from its pre-legal existence to the present day."

The park first began as a bathhouse on the Cedar Point Beach. It developed gradually until 1897 when George A. Bockling, an Indiana railroad agent, bought the park.

Under Bockling, the park grew very quickly, adding the Hotel Breakers and an electric midway with rides, games and attractions. By 1920, Cedar Point was one of the most popular resorts in the country.

The Depression ended the prosperity, and the park began to deteriorate. This decline lasted until the mid-1950s when a new management team, spearheaded by George Hoots of Toledo and Cleveland's Emile Legros, began a multimillion dollar revitalization program.

ORIGINALLY, Francis wanted to write a biography about Bockling. "During my research on Bockling, I uncovered so many interesting facts I didn't want to neglect, so I expanded my project," he said. "It is becoming difficult to find new sources. If someone can provide me with new leads, I can track them down. Just recently, I located the relatives of the family who used to operate the Leap Frog roller coaster in Chester, W. Va."

Francis, the senior vice-president of Loos, Edwards and Saxauer Inc., an Akron advertising agency, has authored several articles about Cedar Point and other amusement parks. A native of Maple Heights, Ohio, Francis is a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio. Persons with information about Cedar Point can call Francis at (216) 859-0634.

Quality hand crafts of bygone days in 2-day show and sale

A spring arts and crafts show with an American country theme, sponsored by Michigan Cultural Association, runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13, in Eddie Edgar Sports Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia. The address is just off Farmington Road, between Schoolcraft and Five Mile.

The show is provided as a marketplace for quality handicraft items, many of them reproductions of decorative items of bygone eras, created by 110 Michigan crafters.

Country folk art skills will be shown in woodwork, stained glass, soft sculpture, jewelry, quilts, tin punching, pottery, calico crafts, weavings, porcelain dolls and furniture.

Some of the contemporary items on sale will be scrimshaw, hand painted china, wildlife prints and decoys, baskets, Cabbage Patch doll clothes and many types of wall hangings.

Two Farmington-area crafters will be exhibiting and selling their works at the show.

Jennifer Phillips of Farmington will show personalized and appliqued baby clothes and accessories.

Kathy Klein of Farmington Hills will offer children's push toys, clothes trees, step stools and wallcharts.

Lunch will be available. Admission is \$1 at the door. Children are admitted free.

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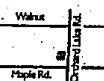
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